

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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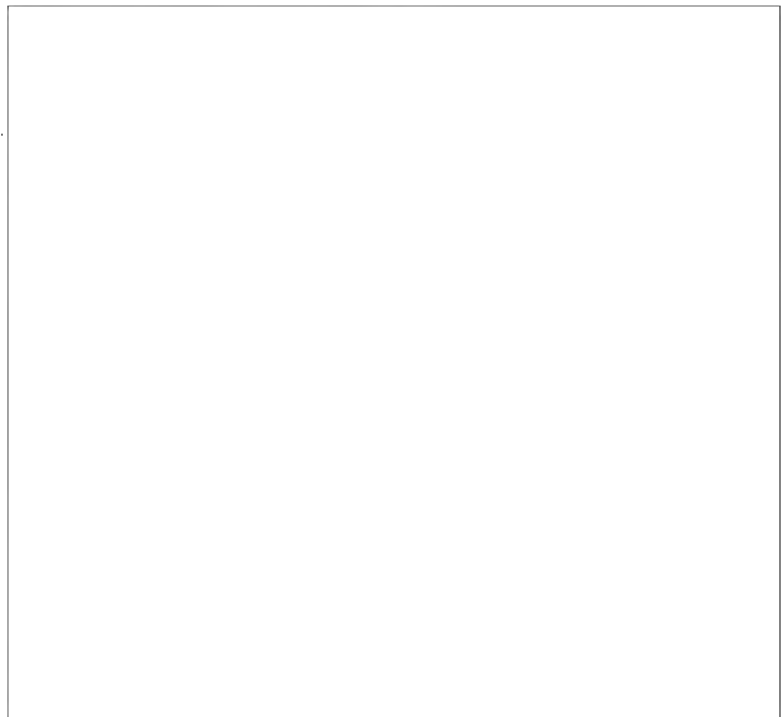
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2. Congo-OAU

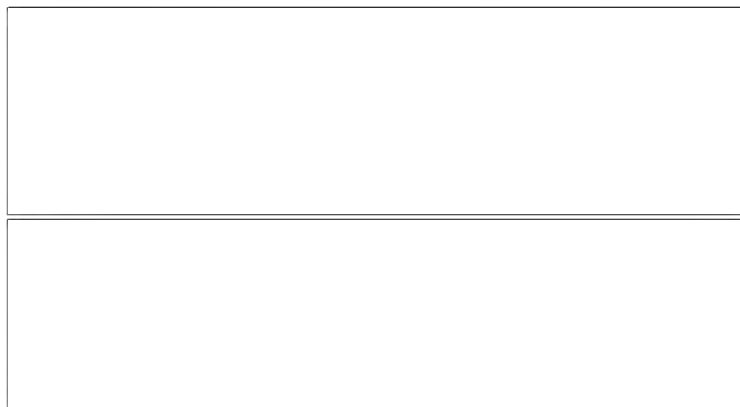
a. Tshombé's decision to attend the Cairo conference later this week may prove to be a blunder.

b. One result is that Ben Bella has redoubled his efforts to isolate the Tshombé government. He has a man on the road now persuading the governments of Mali, Guinea, and the Central African Federation to support Algerian policy on this.

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c. One rumor in Algiers is that Ben Bella last week urgently asked the Russians to furnish arms to anti-Tshombé elements. There is no confirmation of this, but Ben Bella in fact did see the Soviet ambassador, who next day unexpectedly grabbed a plane for Moscow.

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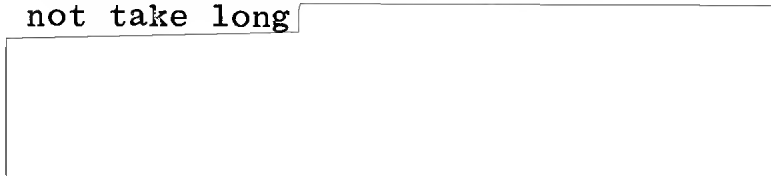


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f. The Egyptians must find the situation difficult. They are trying to establish their influence as an "African" power and would probably prefer not to have to take sides.

g. In Elisabethville, Munongo is busily engaged in re-forming Tshombé's Katangan gendarmerie. He apparently expects this will not take long

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### 3. South Vietnam

a. Deputy Premier Hoan is sponsoring the organization of a broad progovernment front of leading political parties and religious groups.

b. The plan is to train political cadres to operate in the countryside. Hoan talks of building a strong mass organization to provide grass-roots support for the regime.

c. It is early to speculate about the prospects for such a movement, but Khanh seems lukewarm about it, probably because it could give him trouble if it became a rallying point for non-Communist opposition sentiment.

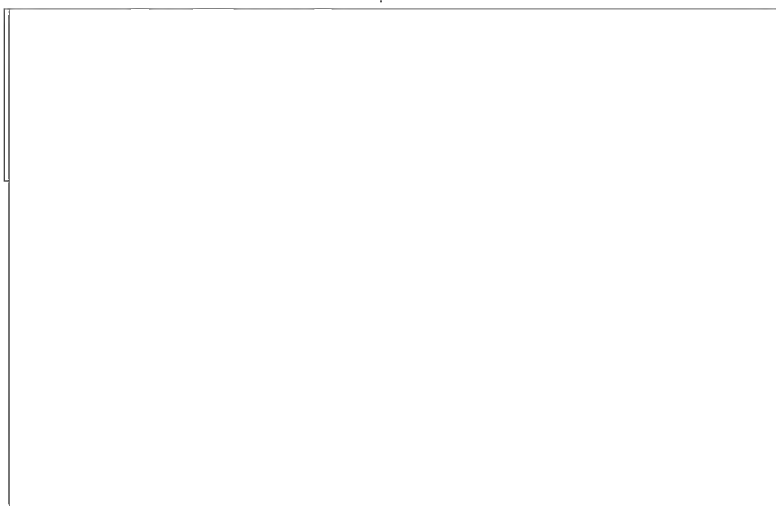
### 4. British Guiana

a. The situation remains as explosive as ever. Numerous racial incidents occur every day.

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b. Only effective patrolling and other security measures have so far headed off large-scale African reprisals against East Indians.



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## 5. Laos

a. King Savang has again made known his distaste for the proposed Laotian summit, but he will not oppose it. It remains doubtful that the Chinese and North Vietnamese would let Souphannouvong attend if Souvanna is to represent both the rightist and neutralist factions.

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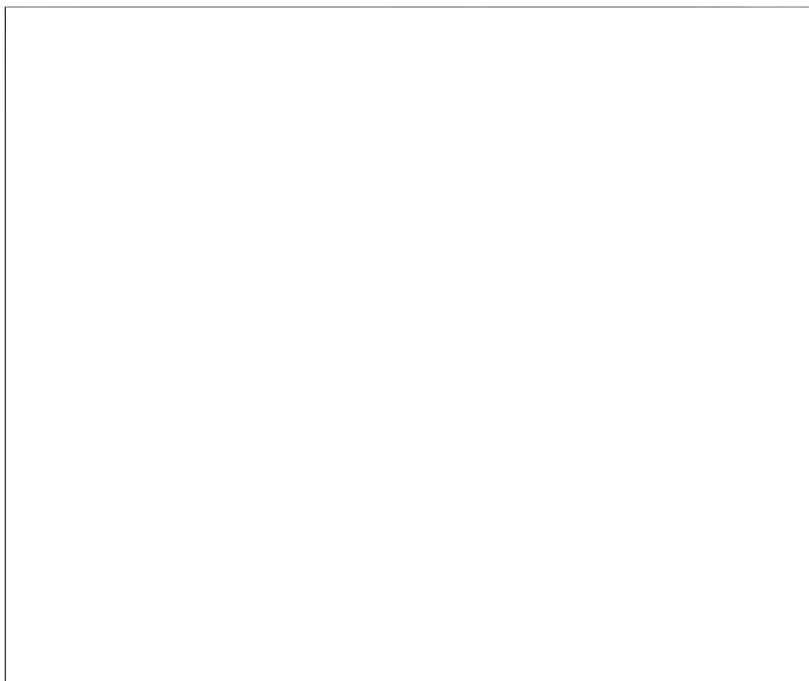


c. While the King may be right about Phoui, there remain others who could upset present arrangements in the capital.

6. Communist China

a. Aerial photography of 7 July confirms the presence of nine MIG-21 jet fighters at a field 125 miles west of Shanghai.

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7. USSR

a. We have no further word on why ambassadors Soldatov and Dobrynin dashed back to Moscow during last weekend.

b. It appears that the Soviet ambassador to Rumania also returned hastily.

c. While this sort of activity has in the past given us the first tip-off that the party central committee is about to meet, some of the other usual indications are lacking. Nor would these men normally be recalled for the Supreme Soviet session now in progress.

d. The next important fixture on Khrushchev's ceremonial schedule is 22 July, in Warsaw, for the celebration of the Polish regime's 20th anniversary. He may be contemplating some new bombshell, and wished to get advice from his ambassadors in certain key capitals.

e. Given the rumors in Moscow of high-level personnel changes, however, we cannot rule out completely that the central committee was in fact convened.

NOTES

- A. Tanganyika-Zanzibar We have received a good report on the extent of Vice President Karume's illiteracy which helps to explain a lot that has happened. Nyerere is said to consider this one of his toughest problems, partly because Karume's Communist advisers take advantage of it to get his signature on decrees.
- B. Honduras The Honduran Government seems anxious to end the episode of the US shrimp fishermen arrested last week. In talks with US representatives yesterday, the foreign minister clearly implied that Honduras does not at present want to make an issue of its position on the territorial waters question.

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E. Iraq The sweeping nationalization decrees issued yesterday will make the commercial depression even worse than it is, and fan discontent among elements opposed to closer ties with Egypt. Anti-Egyptian Army officers, who had already begun plotting against the regime, will be encouraged to hasten their plans.